



Greetings, SLE Colleagues,

With another academic year successfully behind us, I want to express my sincere and enthusiastic thanks to each of you for the incredible dedication and support you've shown to our UConn students.

This May, the University proudly awarded over **8,468** degrees across undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs—a testament to the talent, dedication, and hard work of our students. We're incredibly proud of all they've achieved and the promise they hold. Their success reflects the outstanding teaching and support of our exceptional faculty and staff, whose commitment helps prepare our graduates to lead, innovate, and make a meaningful impact.

As you may know, the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan Steering Committee has developed a new, comprehensive SEM Plan to guide our efforts in the years ahead. This plan embodies our shared commitment to student success and institutional growth. It outlines six key goals—each supported by targeted strategies—that will shape our enrollment practices and student outcomes moving forward.

In the weeks ahead, the [Leadership Committee](#), together with the [Advisory Committees](#), will begin building on this work by identifying specific tactics to advance the goals and strategies outlined in the plan. As a living document, our SEM Plan will be regularly updated to reflect progress as tactics are implemented, strategies realized, and goals achieved.

The plan remains in draft form and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration and feedback in the coming weeks. In advance of that, we are sharing the goals with you below for your review. As we move forward, your insights and collaboration will be essential to achieving these goals. Additional details—and an opportunity to [provide feedback](#)—are available on our SEM Planning [website](#).

- **Goal 1:** Improve First to Second Year Retention Rate of Undergraduate Students
- **Goal 2:** Increase the Undergraduate Graduation Rate

- **Goal 3:** Increase the Undergraduate Enrollment Headcount from **24,979** to **28,342** by 2027
- **Goal 4:** Ensure High Levels of Satisfaction Among our Graduates in Workforce & Post Graduate Outcomes
- **Goal 5:** Determine the Baseline for Graduate Student Success Outcomes and Set Targets for Improvement
- **Goal 6:** Determine a Set of Criteria for Graduate Student Enrollment Capacity Leading to Intentional and Targeted Enrollment Growth Management

As we ease into the summer months, I hope this quieter season offers you a chance to catch your breath. While the work doesn't stop, summer brings a different rhythm—and I hope you're able to find moments to pause, recharge, and take care of yourself. At the same time, I want to recognize and thank the many staff across our campuses who are working diligently to run summer programs, host orientation sessions, and prepare for the arrival of our incoming students. Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed, and I'm deeply grateful for the steady support you provide to our students, one another, and the university community every day.

Go Huskies!



Nathan Fuerst

Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

DIVISIONAL HAPPENINGS

Undergraduate Admissions: Fall Enrollment Update

Earlier this year, we announced a record-breaking milestone: over **63,000** first-year applications were submitted across the Storrs and regional campuses—an unprecedented achievement in UConn's history. This remarkable growth reflects the university's rising national profile and increasing appeal among prospective students.

Looking ahead to Fall, we anticipate welcoming another outstanding class of new students to UConn. This accomplishment would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our partners throughout the division and the university.

Based on current enrollment fee submissions, we are projecting an incoming class of approximately 4,600 to 4,750 first-year students at the Storrs campus, with an additional 1,800 to 1,900 students expected across the regional campuses. While most application review activity has concluded for Storrs, we continue to review applications for the regional campuses and are actively processing transfer applications across all campuses.

Although melt mitigation efforts will continue throughout the summer, I want to thank everyone for their outstanding work in helping us reach this important milestone toward enrolling the Fall class.

Welcoming New Huskies: Summer Orientation 2025

As the summer season begins, folks at each of our campuses have kicked off the start of the Orientation season. 60 Orientation Sessions are scheduled to take place between May and August as we welcome first-year, transfer, and international students and their families to UConn. Over 70 student leaders have been hired to serve as Orientation Leaders for the Storrs and Regional Campuses to help transition students and their families to the UConn Community. To learn more about the Summer Orientation Programs happening across our campuses, please check out this [reference guide](#).

This work would not be possible without the support of campus partners throughout the UConn community. Thank you for helping bring our program to life!

Residential Life: Summer Updates

Coming Soon: Opening Weekend Staff Sign-Up Form!

Just a quick reminder that the sign-up form for Opening Weekend (*Thursday, August 21 – Sunday, August 24*) will be sent out shortly. Keep an eye on your inbox for the email containing all the important details and the sign-up spreadsheet.

Summer School Transition:

Students remaining on campus for part or all of the summer have moved into their summer housing assignments in Connecticut Hall. The summer housing application will remain open throughout the summer for students who are enrolled in classes, working on campus, or participating in internships or research opportunities. For more information, students can visit our [Summer Housing](#) site.

Support for Summer Groups:

Summer conferences and programs officially began on Monday, May 26, and will run through Friday, August 8. Residential Life will provide support through both student and professional staffing for conferences hosted in the residence halls. Over 20 conferences are scheduled to take place throughout May, June, July, and early August.

Housing Application Deadline for New Students:

May 23 was the deadline for all incoming first-year and transfer students to apply for on-campus housing. Students who applied by this date are eligible to participate in roommate matching and room selection processes, when applicable. The application remains open for late applicants and late admits, who will be notified via email about their eligibility based on their application date and housing availability.

Residency Requirement & Exemption Process:

All incoming first-year students, including international students, are required to live on campus. Students can apply for an exemption if they:

- Live within 60 miles of UConn and plan to commute from home
- Face financial hardship that makes living on campus an insurmountable burden
- Have a medical condition that cannot be accommodated on campus
- Are married or have dependents
- Are a military veteran
- Have a religious request that cannot be met by living on campus

To apply for an exemption, students must email livingoncampus@uconn.edu and complete the exemption application in their My Housing portal by July 1.

Student Employment Opportunities Have a New Home!

We've officially transitioned from JobX to 12Twenty, a new platform that brings together all student job opportunities in one convenient place!

12Twenty is more than just a job board, it's a dynamic career and student employment tool designed to enhance the job search experience for students, connect them with employers, and support career development. Through 12Twenty, we can promote positions directly to students, host virtual job fairs, and create more meaningful connections between students and employers.

Best of all, students will soon be able to access both Center for Career Readiness and Life Skills job postings and Student Employment listings, all through a single platform. Students can access the platform on the [UConn Students Student Employment](#) site.

Title II ADA Accessibility Requirements for Website Content

On March 19, ITS Accessibility announced changes to [Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#) that will impact website owners and creators of digital content in the UConn community. IT-SLE will be assisting with this effort by providing scans for Student Life and Enrollment websites using software that will identify potential issues. When IT-SLE is ready to begin the scans, a separate communication will go out to each department identifying the websites and scan results. Resources and training will also be available to assist website owners and creators of digital content to ensure continued compliance with Title II ADA standards. For any questions or to learn more about Title II Accessibility, please reach out to IT-SLE at it-sle@uconn.edu.

Intune Migration Update

As of this writing, over 800 machines have been successfully migrated to Microsoft Intune. All SLE departments have completed their migrations within the scheduled timeframes.

For any individuals who have missed their department's group migration, IT-SLE Client Support will be reaching out to schedule an individual migration. If this individual migration is missed, workstations will be forced to enroll with Intune by the end of the semester. To schedule an individual migration please email it-sle@uconn.edu.

Strategic Planning and Assessment

Summer Sparks: Get Involved in Planning and Assessment!

As we wrap up the 2025 academic year and look ahead to 2026, the summer months are among the busiest in the Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation (PAE) domain!

Over the next couple of months, I'll be facilitating opportunities for SLE staff to engage in conversations about setting priorities for planning and assessment activities in the upcoming year. Keep an eye out for opportunities to participate!

In the meantime, I encourage all staff to explore the PAE webpage, where you'll find a variety of helpful resources. A new section has been added [featuring recordings](#) of recent workshops and trainings I've facilitated—be sure to check it out.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or requests for support.

In Partnership,

Liza Boritz

Director, Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation

Important Dates, Deadlines & Events

June 19: Juneteenth

July 4: Independence Day

August 21-24: Move-in Weekend

August 25: Fall Semester Begins

2025 Religious & Cultural [Important Dates](#)

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